

The Mott Valued Parents Press



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As of yesterday morning I was totally at a loss as to what to write about today...until I stepped into the Kmart in the small northern town of Oscoda, Michigan. My daughter and I had just left our cabin on the sunrise side of the state and were headed for home. She asked if I had seen the Kmart bag with the Gold Bond lotion we bought the day before. We determined that neither of us remembered bringing it in the cabin, nor was it in our van. I said that I must have left the bag at Kmart in the cart, inside the store by the doors and hence we should go back to the store and check.

I went to the service counter and inquired if anyone had turned in a bag with two bottles of Gold Bond lotion. The lady at the counter said no. She added that she would check but she would need to see proof with a receipt. I kindly stated with a smile, "OK, but what are the chances that someone would walk in here asking for such specific items?" I received a deadpan stare and was told she would still need a receipt. Here is what ensued:

Me: "OK, how about you look for the bag while I look for the receipt?"

Lady: *Tentatively replies*, "OK, but I'll still need a receipt."

She looked in her immediate service counter area then walked about 75' away and began diligently looking under each and every checkout counter starting from the furthest away and making her way back toward me. Only two of the seven or so checkout lines had cashiers. When she got to the last line, I saw her speak to the cashier and it looked like she found something. As she got into view, I could see she had a small bag. She did not open the bag in front of me, but instead laid it on its side and tucked the bag handles underneath the bag so as to hide and secure its contents.

Me: "I couldn't find my receipt."

Lady: "I have to have a receipt."

Me: "Well, I'm guessing the receipt could be in either of the 2 other small bags that are at our cabin. We only bought six or seven items. Seriously, what are the chances...?"

Lady: "I have to have a receipt."

Me: *Now thinking at a feverish pace, I state*, "The Gold Bond was on sale. It was Buy one, get one half off."

She opens the bag, looks at me, carefully slides out one of the bottles . . . and scans it!

Lady: "Yep, buy one get one free."

Me: *Still smiling*, "Seriously, what are the chances of someone coming in here...?"

Lady: OK, I'll do it for you this time, but next time I'll need a receipt."

Me: *Grateful yet thinking - I have never done this in five decades but nice to know should I ever ...)*

"Thank you so very much. I really am an honest person....and again, what were the chances of ...?" ☺

O. M. G.! ☺ I really do appreciate and honor rules as I am truly a ruler follower myself, but sometimes there are grey areas, yes? Nonetheless, I truly appreciated her thoroughness and stick-to-itiveness in searching for these relatively expensive brands of lotion. It did make me a little sad that she could be so distrusting of people but I'm guessing it was her adherence to the rules that really took over. Another employee could simply have said, "Nope, no one turned anything in." Story over. And so, my favorite MVP's, our differences are what makes this wonderful world go around. Celebrate the personality differences in your volunteers! Encourage the creative art ones to make signs, the outgoing ones to sell tickets, the sticktuitive ones to keep track of signups, etc. Whether a leader or a follower, step up and share your skills!

Arnegard wrestles 100th win!

Submitted by Allison Sartorius, WSD Athletic Director

Senior **Erik Arnegard** had an exciting weekend at one of Michigan's toughest high school wrestling tournaments. **Erik** captured wins 99 and 100 of his varsity wrestling career! Congratulations, **Erik**!

Btw, nice teamwork between **Coach Bowersox** who kept track of the wins and dad **Paul Arnegard** for having a cool sign made!



Wrestling team prepares for post season

Submitted by parent Paul Arnegard

The regular season ended with some high notes for Mott Wrestlers. This past weekend was the annual overnight for the team, which meant having some fun Friday night at the hotel pool and hot tub followed by working hard on Saturday at one of the state's toughest tournaments. The team succeeded at both. Wrestler's scored some key wins during the tournament that included **Quentin Logan** nailing some pins at heavy weight, **Max Katsiroubis** having a perfect 3-0 day and **LT Mills** notching two victories against tough competition. **Erik Arnegard** picked up 3 wins on the day to reach the coveted 100 career varsity wins milestone.



Coach Bowersox Rallies the Team

The team continued their post season prep on Wednesday with league cross-over matches against Grand Blanc and Livonia Stevenson. Both duals ended in losses since the team voided several weight classes while giving some rest to banged up wrestlers who are preparing for this weekend's conference championships. But even with the team losses, there were some individual shining moments with **Mathias Dahl**, **Josh Rugenstein**, **Mystyr Sanders** and **Darian Lindemier** among those scoring impressive wins to show they are ready for the post season.



LT Mills For The Pin



Josh White driving a Win

Swim & Dive team celebrates Senior Night Caspers dives into a new school record!

Submitted by parent Paul Arnegard

Waterford United Swim & Dive celebrated Senior Night on Thursday, honoring the team's two senior swimmers: **Ben Schwimmer** and **Daoud Omar**. The team fell to division leading Walled Lake Northern, but both seniors scored significant team points in the 50-freestyle and the 100 freestyle. And the seniors weren't the only cause for celebration on the night. **Seth Caspers** crushed both the team and pool 1-meter diving records by over 25 points with a score of 265.75. Earlier in the week it was about the younger members of the team who went to Lakeland for the "Clash of the Underclassmen" swim meet on Sunday. The freshmen and sophomores swam away with 20+ medals and gave the promise of a bright future for this young team.



At left: Coach Brockway with Seniors Daoud Omar, Ben Schwimmer and families.

Below: Underclassmen Luc Lawson, Brandon Hall, Max Petsch and Carson Arnegard



ESL Program Information Night

Submitted by Carly Stone, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Waterford School District

Is your child an English Learner who is part of the ESL program in Waterford? Are you interested in learning more about it? Please join ESL program staff for an informational parent meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Crary Administration office (501 North Cass Lake Road). Free childcare will be provided to children 3 and up. We hope to see you there!

Noche de información del Programa de ESL

¿Es tu hijo un estudiante que está aprendiendo inglés quien forma parte del programa de ESL en Waterford? ¿Estas interesado en aprender más acerca de esto? Participa en la junta informativa de padres de familia el 7 de febrero a las 7 de la noche. Esta junta será en el edificio administrativo de Crary (501 Cass Lake Road) . Se proveerá servicio de guardería para niños de tres años en adelante. Esperamos verte allí.

Counselor Corner

Mott Counseling Updates

Submitted by school counselor, Amanda Gohl

If you're interested in scholarships, summer opportunities, or college career opportunities, please click or copy and paste the link below into your browser.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B012qCkOQgooWUItSUo1OXFReTQ>

We have created a Google Drive that we will post important flyers and events.



ANGP 2017 - Graduation is ONLY 4 months away!

Submitted by Laura Pugh

**Please join us at our next meetings:
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
in the Academic Center.**

It is hard to believe that graduation is only 4 months away and there is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done to make the year end party a success. It will be here before you know it! There are many areas that you as a parent can help with, below are just a few. Choose which one works for you:

[Making phone calls](#)

[Helping with decorations](#)

[Picking up donations](#)

[Security the night of the event](#)

[Coordinating the menu](#)

[Set up on 6/3/17](#)

[Running an activity the night of the event](#)

For more info: ANGP2017@comcast.net - Laura Pugh - Vickie Klein

Check us out on Facebook at: Waterford Mott Class of 2017 ANGP

ANGP 2017 Parents/Students - "Special Olympics" concession sign-ups for Sunday, Feb. 19th!

We are in need of volunteers for the "Special Olympics" concessions that we are hosting at Mott. These concessions are great money-makers for ANGP 2017 and we need all hands on deck! Please find time in your schedule to volunteer a minimum of 3 hours of your time that day. Volunteer shifts are from:

6:30-8:00am (Minimum of 3 people)

8:00-11:00am (Minimum of 7 people)

11:00am-2:00pm - Lunch Time (Minimum of 8 people)

2:00-5:00pm (Minimum of 7 people)

For students or parents of students that have yet to purchase their tickets, you could earn up to \$20 off your ticket price by volunteering 3-4 hours. Ticket price for ANGP 2017 is now \$85 per student.

You can sign up either by: Email: ANGP2017@comcast.net - Leave name, phone# and shift you can work. Contact: Laura Pugh (248) 505-4069 - Text or Call

There is a "Sign Up Genius" where you can sign up online. Go to signupgenius.com and search: Waterford Mott ANGP 2017 Special Olympics Concessions



**REMINDER:
WALK FOR WARMTH**

Submitted by
Senior Ayrtton Seals



No blog for this week, next blog will be on 2/7/17, we will talk about how the walk for warmth event went. Walk for Warmth will be at Great Lakes Crossing mall on February 4th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Hope to see you there!!!
Let's go, Corsairs!

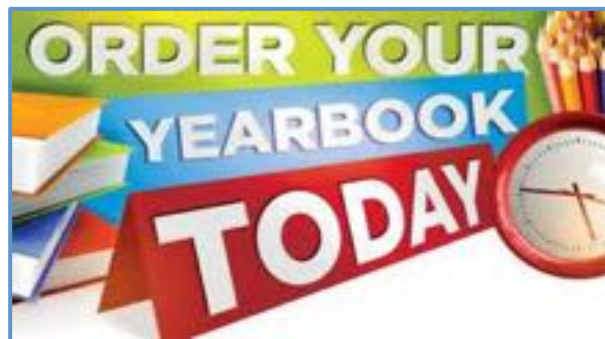
Tickets on sale NOW!
Snow-Coming Dance

Annual winter dance - **Feb. 18th**

Dress code is dressy-casual (no Jeans or sweats).

Blue and white color theme.

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale during all lunches



The last day to pre-order a yearbook is March 20th. We are only ordering 50 extra books to be sold at Distribution Day! If you would like your child to have a yearbook, be sure to pre-order soon.

Yearbooks can also be ordered on-line at www.yearbookordercenter.com

If you have any questions, contact Kim McGee at mcgeek01@wsdmi.org

19th Annual Taste of Waterford

It's time to beat the mid-winter blues! Get groovy, get funky and get ready to DISCO down with the Waterford Coalition for Youth at the **19th Annual Taste of Waterford** on **Thursday, February 23, 2017** from 6-9 pm at Oakland Schools in Waterford! Sample the delicious cuisine of amazing community restaurants and enjoy - *even dance* - to the far-out beats of the 70's disco era.

Try your luck at our 50/50 raffle and our amazing pick-a-prize raffle of beautiful baskets filled with a wide variety of donations from community businesses. Kids can enjoy activities and have their faces painted. You won't leave this family fun event for all ages hungry or bored. Don your best disco look and you might go home with a prize!

Tickets can be ordered online at www.wcfytaste.eventbrite.com or mail in your ticket order form. Gather your friends and reserve a table. Ticket prices include all food and entertainment. Raffle tickets are additional and optional onsite that evening. Visit restaurants as much and as often as you want. Children Pre-K and younger are free. Help support our community's youth at this premier community event and have a great time! **The Waterford Coalition for Youth is non-profit organization working collaboratively with our community to reduce substance abuse and high risk behaviors with a primary focus on empowering youth to make positive choices.** For questions, please contact the coalition at 248-618-7424 or visit them on the web at wcfy.org



Turn the Beat Around

The Waterford Coalition For Youth Proudly Presents

The 19th Annual

Taste of Waterford

Polyester, bell bottoms, platform shoes, the Bee Gees, mood rings and roller skates: Totally cool!
It's time for an out of sight night that's guaranteed to be a right on, hip and groovy time!

Thursday
February 23, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Oakland Schools
Conference Center
2111 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford

Cullinary Delights
from Over 35 Vendors

Family Fun
for ALL Ages

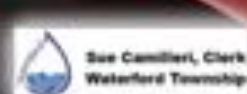
Amazing Auction
and 50/50 Raffle

Free Parking Lot Shuttle
by epc Event Services

Best Costume Awards

Help Support Our Community's
Youth and Families

Presenting Sponsor



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Waterford School District HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SEASONS



FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cheerleading – 9 th	Basketball – Boys 9 th	Baseball – Boys 9 th
Cheerleading – JV	Basketball – Boys JV	Baseball – Boys JV
Cheerleading – Varsity	Basketball – Boys Varsity	Baseball – Boys Varsity
Cross Country – Boys	Basketball – Girls 9 th	Golf – Boys
Cross Country – Girls	Basketball – Girls JV	Lacrosse – Boys – JV
Dance/Poms	Basketball – Girls Varsity	Lacrosse – Boys – Varsity
Equestrian – Coed Unified	Bowling – Boys JV	Lacrosse – Girls – JV
Football – 9 th	Bowling – Boys Varsity	Lacrosse – Girls – Varsity
Football – JV	Bowling – Girls JV	Soccer – Girls JV
Football – Varsity	Bowling – Girls Varsity	Soccer – Girls Varsity
Golf – Girls	Competitive Cheerleading – 9 th	Softball – Girls 9 th
Soccer – Boys JV	Competitive Cheerleading – JV	Softball – Girls JV
Soccer – Boys Varsity	Competitive Cheerleading – V	Softball – Girls Varsity
Swim and Dive – Girls Unified	Dance/Poms	Tennis – Girls
Tennis – Boys	Gymnastics - Unified	Track - Boys
Volleyball – Girls 9 th	Hockey – Varsity	Track - Girls
Volleyball – Girls JV	Skiing – Boys Unified	
Volleyball – Girls Varsity	Skiing - Girls Unified	
	Swim and Dive – Boys Unified	
	Wrestling – Varsity & JV	

Unified Girls/Boys Swim Teams and Gymnastics - Mott is the home school
 Unified Equestrian, Ski and Lacrosse Teams - Kettering is the home school



Mott Cheer team!
They finished 2nd in the Grand Blanc Invitational, but scored the highest point total in school history.
775.4 points!

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE and NEWS 2/6 through 2/12

HOME GAMES

02/07/17 Tuesday	Basketball JV Girls	5:30PM	WL Northern HS
02/07/17 Tuesday	Basketball V Girls	7:00 PM	WL Northern HS
02/09/17 Thursday	Basketball FR Boys	4:00 PM	Kettering HS
02/09/17 Thursday	Basketball JV Boys	5:30 PM	Kettering HS
02/09/17 Thursday	Basketball JV Girls	7:00 PM	Kettering HS
02/10/17 Friday	Basketball V Boys	6:00 PM	Kettering HS
02/10/17 Friday	Basketball V Girls	8:00 PM	Kettering HS

AWAY GAMES

02/07/17 Tuesday	Bowling V Boys & Girls	4:00 PM	Grand Blanc H.S. at Lakeland (Century Bowl)
02/07/17 Tuesday	Basketball FR Boys	4:00PM	WL Northern HS
02/07/17 Tuesday	Basketball JV Boys	5:30PM	WL Northern HS
02/07/17 Tuesday	Basketball V Boys	7:00 PM	WL Northern HS
02/08/17 Wednesday	Wrestling V Boys	5:30 PM	Clarkston HS at Kettering HS
02/09/17 Thursday	Swimming V Boys	6:30 PM	Lakeland H.S.
02/10/17 Friday	Bowling V Boys & Girls	3:00 PM	WL Western HS (Wonderland Lanes)
02/11/17 Saturday	Wrestling V Boys		Individual Districts at Troy HS
02/11/17 Saturday	Comp. Cheer. V Girls	8:00 AM	Lakeland Invitational

SOFTBALL INFORMATION

Open Gym-Sundays in the South Gym from 8:00AM-11:00AM
Conditioning Tuesdays 6:00PM-7:00PM in the South Gym
Conditioning Thursdays 6:00PM-7:30PM in the weight room

GIRLS SOCCER CONDITIONING SCHEDULE

We meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from now until tryouts.
Monday and Tuesday sessions will run from 2:45-3:45, while
Thursday sessions will run from 1:45-2:45.
Stop by the Athletic Office if you have any questions.

GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

We meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
After school until 4:30 or so.
Meet in the pool lobby.
Questions, see Coach McNeil in room 404 or
Coach Robinson in room 602

BOYS GOLF

Stop by Coach Mozdierz room 423 if you are interested in the boys golf team this spring.

GIRLS LAX CONDITIONING

At Kettering Monday's-6-7 pm Thursday's-6-7 pm
Meets usually in the gym and weight room

BOYS LACROSSE

CONTACT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AT MOTT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION



WATERFORD BREAKFAST OPTIMIST CLUB

Dear Student,

The Waterford Breakfast Optimist Club is encouraging area students to speak their minds about the topic "What the World Gains From Optimism" as part of the 2016-2017 Optimist International Oratorical Contest.

This year's contest will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2016 at the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium at 7 P.M. Students under the age of 18 as of December 31, 2016 are eligible to participate.

We are planning on 2 contests, one for girls and one for boys. Scholarships will be awarded to the first three places in each one. The first place scholarships will be \$500, 2nd place \$400, and 3rd place scholarships will be \$300 this year. Winners also receive a medal.

Each contestant will write and present a speech that is between 4 and 5 minutes long. Contestants may read the speech, use cue cards, or memorize their speeches; however, no props are allowed.

Applications may be mailed directly to the following address. Birth certificates are needed the night of the event.

Martha Lawrence
3072 Marlinton
Waterford, Mi. 48329
Phone: 248-673-9604

If you would like more information about the program please feel free to contact Martha Lawrence, Waterford Oratorical Contest. **Application forms are also available at the following web-site: optimist.org/e/member/scholarships4.cfm**